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Federal, provincial NDP stand at odds

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Notley says Leap Manifesto is not good for Alberta



**Ryan
Tumilty**
Metro | Edmonton

The federal NDP will study adding a controversial document to their party's policy over the objections of Premier Rachel Notley and many other Alberta New Democrats.

A motion to have riding associations across the country look at the Leap Manifesto, which calls for a change to the capitalist system, no new pipeline construction and a quick move

to end reliance on fossil fuels, passed Sunday morning at the party's national convention in Edmonton.

In a speech Saturday, Notley urged convention delegates to reject the document. After it passed on Sunday, deputy premier Sarah Hoffman said she was disappointed in the vote, but is moving past it.

"I voted against it, there were a

number of Alberta delegates who did. We are going to keep moving forward and championing our industries and the people who elected us," she said.

Hoffman said provincial parties and their federal counterparts don't always agree.

"This isn't the first time that a prairie party has disagreed with the federal party on a matter and it probably won't be the last,"

Gil McGowan who ran for the party federally in Edmonton — Centre last fall, stressed that the party hadn't actually embraced the policy, just agreed to keep talking about it. Even with that, he said this was not a good policy for Alberta.

"The advocates of this manifesto were not thinking strategically. They put no thought into how this document would be

used by our political opponents," he said.

McGowan stressed Alberta New Democrats were opposed to it and would never run on it.

"This is not an Alberta policy, it was a policy made by a handful of people living in ivory towers in downtown Toronto."

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PRINT MEDIA

Alberta Street News may close



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Almost every Saturday for the last six years, Angelique Branstion has pulled up a stool next to a vegetable stand at the Strathcona Farmer's Market to sell the Alberta Street News to shoppers.

It's her preferred spot because customers are friendly and she usually sells between five and 30 copies of the paper a day.

The deal is this: vendors pay the paper 50 cents per copy, which they turn around and sell to passersby, pocketing any profit.

In return, the vendors, all low income or no income, get much-needed support.

"I'm on AISH so I don't have much leeway after all my bills are paid.... With selling the papers I'm able to go to the movies once in a while or if I save I can buy presents for the people I care about," Branstion said.

"It makes it so I can live like a normal person."

But the future of the paper is in jeopardy — if it can't raise the \$700 in monthly printing costs (\$500 without colour), the April issue will be the last.

Martyshuk Housing bought it about a year ago and tried to run it like a business, which didn't work. They handed it back to founder and publisher Linda Dumont and told her

they'd pay printing costs for six more months — Dumont says they actually paid seven — but now time has run out. It may be the final nail, but Dumont says times have been tough for a while.

Like all newspapers, sales of physical copies have plummeted. The number of vendors has also dropped, with many stopping after AISH rates were raised a couple of years ago.

But Dumont, who volunteers her time, says she worries about the 20 or so vendors who are left, adding that most will be unable to get regular jobs.

"Some of them, they will really notice the loss of income, some will have to resort to picking bottles or panhandling," she said.

She says that street papers in Europe are viewed as employment programs and are funded by government, but most Canadian ones are struggling.



It gives a voice to the poor.
Angelique Branstion

The paper has created a community, she says, with get-togethers and vendor appreciation days. Vendors often call her to check in if they're in jail or in the hospital, she says.

"A lot of them felt very proud that they had a job," she said. "It gives a voice to the poor."



Abdul Mian first found "go back" sprayed on his garage door. Days later, he woke to his trucks engulfed in flames on Sunday. The incident is being investigated. CONTRIBUTED

'I never expected this'

HATE CRIME

Kitscoty family devastated by graffiti, blaze



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Abdul Mian feels his livelihood has been destroyed over a crime his nephew claims was fuelled by hate.

Mian, who lives in Kitscoty, near Lloydminster, was rattled by two incidents that occurred at his home within the past few days — one being a fire that destroyed two trucks Mian uses while working in

oil services.

Vermillion Fire County Chief Orest Popil said crews continue to investigate the incident.

Popil confirmed crews were on scene at Mian's residence until 4:30 a.m. Sunday, battling the blaze that subsequently consumed two semi-trailer trucks.

Mian, who relocated to Kitscoty almost six years ago from Pakistan, said he was in utter shock to awake to the fire overnight.

He said he doesn't want to believe that both incidents were hate crimes.

"Everybody loves me here, as far as I know ... until now," he told Metro.

"I love this community. I understand the times are tough, but this doesn't mean people can go out and hurt people. This was uncalled for."



What scares me is that, what if they started the house on fire?

Mohsin Kamran

Mian said he painted over the words and then hung two Canadian flags.

"I never expected this," he

said.

"This community is home. Moving around is not easy. Our kids go to school here, for crying out loud. We love this school. We volunteer. Where would we go? We can't afford to go."

His nephew, Mohsin Kamran, thinks Mian was targeted for being Muslim.

"I believe it's because oil is down and that 'Go home' implies racism," Kamran said. "All of (Mian's) kids were born here."

"What scares me is that, what if they started the house on fire?"

Mian said RCMP took his name during the blaze, adding he intends to file a complaint Monday.

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Pogo car left 900 km away

CAR SHARING

Abandoned vehicle sets record for company



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton man went from Pogo to bozo when he left one of the car-share company's vehicle 900 kilometres away.

"On a road trip to BC. Some bozo left a car in Vernon," a Pogo representative posted from the car-share company's Twitter account last week.

Pogo co-founder Kieran Ryan told Metro no one has ever left one of its cars that far away.

"It's probably a record in car-sharing history," he said. "We've never had a member do this. The vast majority of Pogo users are great and love using Pogo and are respectful of the system, so this is pretty unusual."



Pogo markets itself as a convenient option for city drivers, but one of the company's vehicles went a lot further than the city limits recently and didn't come back. METRO FILE

Ryan said it's perfectly normal for members to take the cars — which are typically used for short, inner city trips — on road trips throughout Canada, with the understand-

ing that they will be returned to home base.

The company was alerted by a Vernon resident — not the driver — that this vehicle had been left behind.

"A Good Samaritan called us that there was some odd behaviour, so we contacted the customer involved and he came clear after a couple conversations that the car was

"I can't get in the head of people who do things like this."

Kieran Ryan

not coming back any time soon," Ryan said.

All of the company's cars have tracking hardware, so it was retrieved without too much trouble in the end.

An employee volunteered to make the day-long bus ride to get it back, and used the opportunity to turn the trip into a brief skiing vacation.

Ryan is taking it all with good humour, but he's still baffled by the logic of the driver, who will be on the hook for the cost of retrieving the car.

"I can't get in the head of people who do things like this. I don't know if this is a total lack of planning or a total lack of caring," Ryan said.

"But it was a good excuse to go for a ski trip."

POLITICS

Jonathan Denis's ex-wife withdraws allegations

The ex-wife of a former Alberta justice minister has withdrawn serious allegations she made against him as their marriage broke down.

Jonathan Denis resigned during last spring's provincial election campaign after his estranged wife, Breanna Palmer, alleged in court documents that he had kneed her in the face, tampered with her car's brakes, and thrown temper tantrums.

The details of the allegations were revealed the day before the May election when a judge lifted a publication ban and removed an emergency protection order against Denis, saying he was satisfied that Palmer was "not in danger of family violence."

The MLA for Calgary-Acadia was never charged with a crime and continued to run in the election, but was defeated by an NDP candidate.

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Historian. Truth seeker. Time traveller. For Chantal Roy Denis, history isn't just about looking at the past—it's also about understanding the present and shaping the future. Before she even walked through the university's doors, Chantal had already decided to design her degree in a very personal way—one that would time and again take her "home" to study the Métis cause, its people and their struggle.

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HOMELESSNESS

Murray Soroka helping fight against poverty



Samantha Power
For Metro | Edmonton

Murray Soroka admits he may have been naïve when he started a drop-in centre for homeless people.

In 2006, the one-time fast-food franchise owner decided he could do something about homelessness. The city was going through an unprecedented boom due to the high price of oil. Rents skyrocketed, vacancy rates plummeted, a tent city cropped up and "working poor" became a standard phrase in the city.

Soroka consulted his community and decided a drop-in centre could help provide a base of support and start building relationships to help.

"It had to be a relational base," says Soroka. "We couldn't be effective by giving them a meal or a cup of coffee, but by creating relationships that will be lifelong."

And 10 years later, his strategy is working.

Soroka has watched people struggling with mental health issues, addiction or chronic poverty build lives that work for them because they have a home base — a place they



There's a lack of understanding of the journeys these people are on.

Murray Soroka



Murray Soroka created the Jasper Place Wellness Centre, which helps the homeless. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

can shower, eat, wash clothes and tend to personal finances.

The Jasper Place Drop In Centre has grown to become the Jasper Place Wellness Centre. It now includes seven businesses that have put \$2 million of payroll back out in the community over the past five years.

"I would never create a business now that doesn't have community at the heart of it," says Soroka.

Support provided by the Centre has moved from just homelessness to broader community development work. It echoes a necessary change city-wide. As

the city has progressed on the 10-year plan on homelessness, Soroka says the issues need to move to a second phase.

"We have done what we can with market housing," Soroka says. Now it's about building affordable housing, he says.

For the past two years the Centre has started building resources to address food security issues.

"Everyone we deal with runs out of food before the month ends," says Soroka.

The community started to build up garden projects, but wanted a distribution centre

to ensure access throughout the month.

And the city conversation needs to be about understanding people's lived experience with poverty. After the failed attempt to create a housing project in Terwillegar two years ago, Soroka says the city is ready to have that conversation.

"There's a lack of understanding of the journeys these people are on," says Soroka. "There's a gross misunderstanding on what it's like to live on 12 dollars an hour or to go through the residential school program or to be a Syrian refugee."

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ian refugee."

He believes the city is ready to begin to solve not just homelessness, but to understand the conditions of extreme poverty

and start to build supportive communities.

"We're all a little more educated and ready for the next conversation," says Soroka.

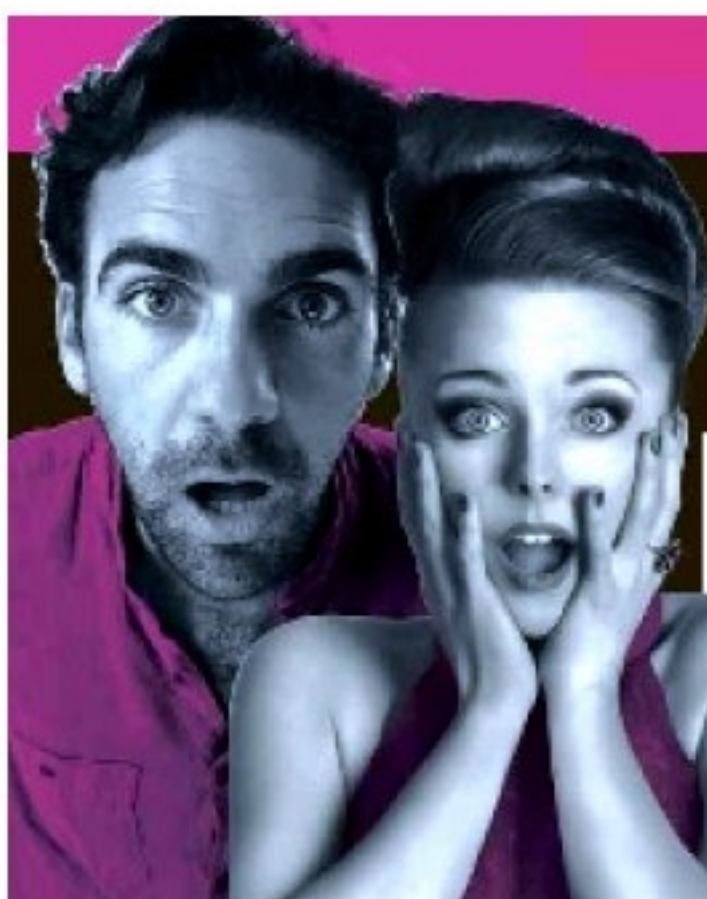


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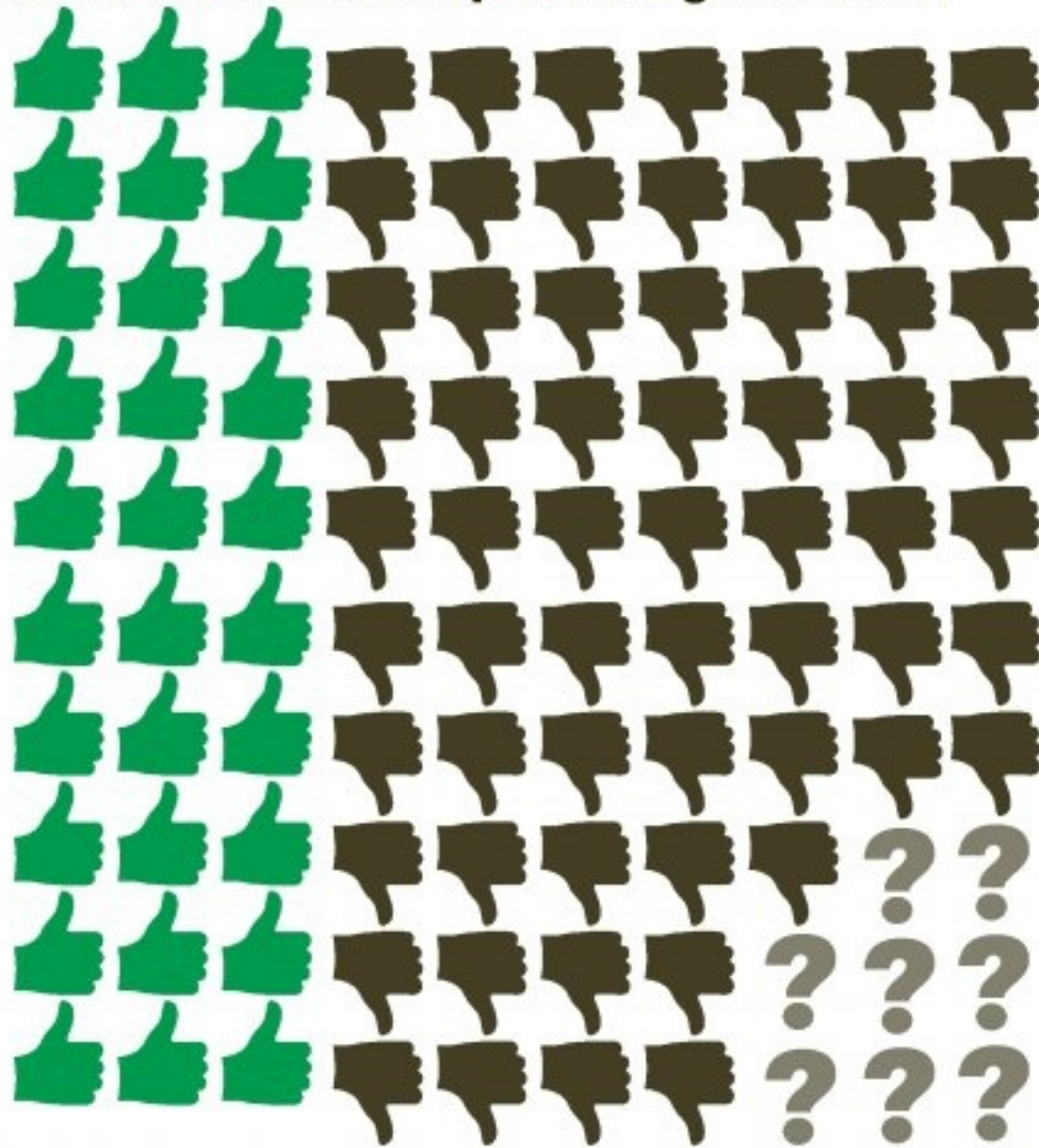
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Albertans blame NDP for economy

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Poll finds half those surveyed point finger at the province



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The government's financial plan to get Alberta back on track is becoming increasingly important, as the majority of Albertans — including one-fifth of NDP voters — aren't confident the governing party will improve the economy, according to a poll.

In an exclusive ThinkHQ/Metro poll, 63 per cent of respondents said they weren't confident the NDP could improve the economy, while 30 per cent said they were optimistic Alberta's new progressive government could improve the province's financial mess.

Of the 63 per cent of respondents who weren't confident: 32 per cent were NDP voters, 95 per

cent voted Wildrose and 87 per cent were Progressive Conservative. The online panel surveyed 1,331 Albertans on a variety of political issues in Alberta.

ThinkHQ president Marc Henry said the figures spell out the importance of the upcoming budget, to be tabled on April 14.

"That's tough — it identifies how important this budget is going to be to the NDP, in terms of retention of their 2015 voter base," he said. "It also spells out the challenges ahead."

Most Albertans, too, are blaming the government for the province's economic situation.

According to the poll, 51 per cent of respondents said the government is responsible for the economy, while 45 per cent said the NDP isn't responsible. Four per cent were unsure.

Melanie Thomas, assistant professor of political science at the University of Calgary, said it's "economically ignorant" to pin economic woes on provincial governments.

"Anybody who knows any-

thing about the economic reality — if they're being honest — would answer this question with, 'No I'm not confident because that could mean one of two things,'" Thomas explained. "It could mean, 'No, I'm not confident because I have my partisan lens on,' or it could be, 'I'm not confident because I understand the reality of the international economy.'"

Henry said it doesn't matter if people should blame the economic woes on the government — people are doing it anyway.

This online survey utilized a representative, but non-random sample, therefore the margin of error is not applicable. However, a probability sample of this size would yield a margin of error of ± 2.7 percentage points at 19 times out of 20. Results were weighted to reflect gender, age and region of Alberta population according to Statistics Canada.

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Here's a quick peek at what will be making news this week

Monday

Economic Development Minister Deron Bilous is making an announcement Monday morning on the government's job plan.

The NDP announced a proposed job grant in last fall's budget. The program was supposed to offer a grant to offset a portion of new employee salaries, but it has yet to materialize.

Tuesday

The Auditor General will release a report looking into challenges

in school construction. The NDP asked for the report last fall and announced several schools would have to be delayed from the original proposed completion dates.

Councillors will hold a public hearing on a policy paper that city administration wrote looking at, among other things, road tolls and distance-based transit fares.

Wednesday

The traffic tie-ups around the Metro Line will come to council with some expensive proposed fixes.

Council is being asked to consider four options that will stop the delays on 106 Street and Princess Elizabeth Avenue, but they could come with price tags of anywhere between \$35 million and \$95 million.



Finance Minister Joe Ceci.

METRO FILE

Thursday

After months of guessing about what the NDP government will do to manage the falling price of oil, Alberta will find out on Thursday, as Finance Minister Joe Ceci presents his second budget.

The budget will dictate how exactly the government will handle the catastrophic drop in oil, though Ceci has already indicated the government will run a deficit of more than \$10 billion. METRO

INVESTIGATION

Police look into weekend deaths

Edmonton Police Homicide detectives are investigating two suspicious deaths that occurred over the weekend.

Police were investigating one case in which a man was found

dead Sunday morning near Stony Plain Road and Winterburn Road.

Police were also looking into a death which occurred Friday night in the Alberta Avenue area.

Officers were called at 11:30 p.m. that evening to an alley near 97 Street and 116 Avenue after a man in his 40s was found dead. Police said the man had obvious signs of trauma. METRO



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Iraq War resisters in limbo

CITIZENSHIP

Ex-soldiers wait on Liberal promise of fair court trials



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

American ex-soldiers who fled the Iraq War are waiting to see if the Liberal government will live up to a promise — because their futures in Canada depend on it.

"It's a little disconcerting to me because we'd met with Liberals and they were all for us being here," said Dean Walcott. "But now they're the government in charge and here we are with a court case again."

Walcott is one of an estimated 15 Iraq War resisters, or deserters, living in Canada. Their numbers have seen a sharp decline over the past decade — down from a high of about 200 — as many have left voluntarily or been deported to face jail time in the U.S.

The Conservative government took extraordinary measures to deport deserters. Former Immigration Minister Jason Kenney issued Operational Bulletin 202, a directive to immigration officials to consider war resisters criminals — making them automatically ineligible for residency in Canada.

During the 2015 election campaign, the Liberal's immigration critic, now minister, John McCallum, spoke out against the stance and said a Liberal government would rescind Kenney's bulletin, letting the cases proceed "on their own merits." But, so far, the Conservative direc-



Dean Walcott at a monthly meeting of war resisters in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

tive remains in place and a spokesperson for McCallum's office told Metro the promise to remove it wasn't included in the party's platform.

There are signs though that change could be coming, said Alyssa Manning, a public defender who represents four war resisters in the Toronto area, including Walcott. Her clients' cases are pending in federal court, and, last week, hearings scheduled for early this month were pushed back

to November.

"I understand that the new government is taking a look at these cases and determining whether or not they are going to be adopting the same position as the previous government on these file," she said.

If the government follows through on its promise, Manning believes she has a good chance of winning. But for now, all the ex-soldiers can do is wait.

+ A SOLDIER'S STORY

Dean Walcott served four tours in Iraq. He was working at a military hospital in 2004 when a tent city was set on fire by a mortar round and the hospital was flooded with burn victims, women and children, screaming and bloodied, he says. It's left him with flashbacks of burned bodies and a

diagnosis of PTSD. Walcott transitioned to a desk job but found helping send others to fight in Iraq was something he couldn't handle. He fled to Canada in 2005 where he got married and started a family. Walcott said his experiences have led him to believe the Iraq War was immoral.

Changing stances

The Liberals' position on war resisters has changed over time



THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was under Liberal prime minister Pierre Trudeau that the Vietnam-era resisters were welcomed to apply for permanent resident status.



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Former leader Michael Ignatieff led a walkout of a 2010 vote on a Liberal MP's private member's bill that would have allowed war resisters to stay in Canada, causing its defeat. Justin Trudeau stayed and voted in favour of the bill at the time.

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Contact: Jackie Ellice; Leanne Baines; Daniella Eggink
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Reckoning for tax cheats

FINANCE

Feds to release plan following Panama Papers revelations

Ottawa is stepping up its fight against offshore tax dodgers by putting "high-risk" taxpayers in the crosshairs, cracking down on the promotion of tax shelters and launching targeted probes of foreign tax havens.

National Revenue Minister Diane Lebovitch will unveil the initiatives at a news conference Monday morning.

The announcement follows daily revelations from the Panama Papers, detailing the extensive — and complex — moves by the wealthy to

shelter wealth offshore.

The 11.5 million documents from Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca comprise the largest journalistic leak in history, which has been analyzed and corroborated by journalists at over 100 news organizations around the world. The ensuing reports have implicated a dozen world leaders in offshore dealings, including Iceland's Prime Minister Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson, who resigned last week, and the U.K.'s David Cameron, who admitted to profiting from offshore investments.

Often such money is held in legitimate investments abroad.

But other times, the wealth has been deliberately moved offshore to avoid taxes.

Echoing leaders on four continents who have called for a crackdown, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said last week that the details in the Panama Papers underscore the need to act.

"There is an increasing desire for transparency and accountability and making sure that everyone is participating to a fair degree," Trudeau said.

On Monday, Lebovitch will detail the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) plan to step up its efforts to uncover — and tax — millions of dollars Canadians have purposely stashed in offshore accounts to keep hidden from tax collectors.

"These wealthy Canadians should not be able to buy their way out of paying the income tax that they owe," reads the news release for Monday's announcement.

\$444M

Amount of new funding the Liberals have earmarked in the March budget to go after tax evaders

DETAILS

5 WAYS

the government will take the fight to tax evaders

1. Haven by haven

Tax analysts will start by looking at the Isle of Man, where \$130 million was stashed, according to the CBC. From there, CRA investigators will turn to other "secrecy jurisdictions."

2. Hunt the enablers

The CRA will create a special branch dedicated to looking into the organizations that create and promote tax-avoidance schemes.

3. Prosecutions

The CRA will soon embed tax lawyers in their investigative teams to expedite criminal cases against tax evaders.

4. Gather allies

Canada will bolster its co-operation with other countries and likely cite the OECD's "common reporting standards," a system that would allow all countries to share information on financial transactions.

5. Find out what's missing

The Liberals will aim to calculate the tax gap — the difference between the taxes Canada should collect on paper and the money it does.

The government says that the initiatives are not a direct response to the Panama Papers. Instead, they say the revelations from the documents simply confirm long-standing concerns over tax evasion that moved the party to make it an issue during the election.

"The unprecedented invest-

ment made in the CRA's activities through Budget 2016 will fundamentally change our ability to identify and pursue both domestic and offshore tax evasion and avoidance," Lebovitch said in a statement prepared for the announcement.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



The Crystal Serenity
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NORTHWEST PASSAGE

North gets ready for big cruise ship visit

Sir John Franklin would have been astounded.

The Northwest Passage which he and his doomed crew of Arctic mariners sought is to be plied this summer by a ship roughly eight times as long and carrying 25 times as many people as Franklin's flagship in 1845.

The Crystal Serenity, the biggest cruise ship to plan a transit of the legendary passage, is so large that Canadian officials are holding special meetings this week to prepare. Residents in the communities along its route, who will be outnumbered by the ship's passengers and crew, are already planning for a visit that won't happen until August.

"We get a lot of cruise ships, but this one is so large it will impact us significantly such that we need months to prepare for it," said Vicki Aitaok, who's organizing a reception in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut.

Every summer, about 10 cruise ships carrying a total of about 2,600 passengers sail through all or part of the Northwest Passage. The Serenity, with more than 1,000 passengers and 700 crew, is in another league. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Those who hide income and assets offshore or try to evade or avoid paying the tax they owe ... will face consequences.

Diane Lebovitch

NDP vote to replace Mulcair

Rank-and-file New Democrats handed Tom Mulcair another ballot-box drubbing Sunday, voting to replace him as leader less than six months after a devastating election loss that dashed the party's dream of forming Canada's first federal NDP government.

A stunned silence fell over the convention floor at Edmonton's Shaw Conference Centre as delegates realized that not only had Mulcair not attained a respectable level of support, he hadn't even reached the 50 per cent threshold.

As a result, the man who less than a year ago was being touted as poised to become Canada's first-ever NDP prime minister instead became the first federal leader ever to be rejected by a majority of delegates — 52 per cent — at a party's annual convention.

"The only thing that's important is that we leave here united," a calm, resigned-looking Mulcair told delegates after the vote. He said he'll remain as leader until his successor is chosen, within 24 months.

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Tom Mulcair pauses during his speech at the NDP federal convention in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Life-insurance industry addresses assisted dying

Life-insurance providers have told the federal government they are willing to lift the standard two-year exemption for suicides and pay out policies on people who end their lives through physician-assisted death, says the head of the industry's professional association.

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Caregivers are invited to participate in an arts-based workshop (April 19 or 20), create a collage, and take part in an interview. There is no cost and all materials are provided. If you would like to learn more about this study or take part, please contact the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta at **780-492-5914**.

BRUSSELS

Second France attack was intended: officials

The extremists who struck Brussels last month and killed 32 people initially planned to launch a second assault on France in the wake of the November attacks in Paris, authorities said Sunday.

But the perpetrators were "surprised by the speed of the progress in the ongoing investigation" and decided to rush an attack on Brussels instead of going back to France, the Belgian federal prosecutor's office said in a statement. It didn't provide any details on the initial French plot or its targets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ ARRESTS

Belgian police detained four men in Brussels raids over the weekend in relation to the Brussels attacks. One of them, Mohamed Abrini, has also been charged in relation to the Paris attacks, prosecutors said.

Abrini has acknowledged being the "man in the hat" spotted alongside the two suicide bombers who blew themselves up at Brussels Airport, officials said.

MACEDONIA

Stranded migrants clash with police

Migrants waged running battles with Macedonian police Sunday after they were stopped from scaling the border fence with Greece near the town of Idomeni, and aid agencies reported that hundreds of stranded travellers were injured.

Macedonian police used tear gas, stun grenades, plastic bullets and a water cannon to repel the migrants, many of

whom responded by throwing rocks over the fence at police. Greek police observed from their side of the frontier but did not intervene.

More than 50,000 refugees and migrants have been stranded in Greece after Balkan countries closed their borders to the massive flow of refugees pouring into Europe.

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A man runs with a tear gas canister during clashes with Macedonian police on Sunday. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Temple fire kills dozens

INDIA

Hundreds more injured in fireworks accident

The Hindu temple in southern India was packed with thousands for a religious festival early Sunday when the fireworks began — an unauthorized pyrotechnic display that went horribly wrong.

Explosions and a massive fire swept rapidly through the Puttingal temple complex at about 3 a.m. in the village of Paravoor, killing 106 people

and injuring 380 others, officials said.

Scores of devotees ran in panic as the massive initial blast cut off power in the complex, while other explosions sent flames and debris raining down, a witness said. Many people were trapped inside.

"It was complete chaos," said Krishna Das of Paravoor. "People were screaming in the dark. Ambulance sirens went off, and in the darkness no one knew how to find their way out of the complex."

Das said the first deafening explosion occurred as the fireworks display was about to end and as he was walking away. It was followed by a series of

blasts, he added.

The fire started when a spark from the fireworks show ignited a separate batch of fireworks that were being stored in the temple complex, said Chief Minister Oommen Chandy, the top elected official in Kerala state.

Most of the more than 100 deaths occurred when the building where the fireworks were stored collapsed, Chandy told reporters. About 60 bodies have been identified so far, he added.

One of the explosions sent huge chunks of concrete flying as far as a kilometre, said Jayashree Harikrishnan, another resident.

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1 Debris of damaged structures lies on a wall decorated with motifs of Hindu gods at the spot where a massive fire broke out Sunday during a fireworks display at the Puttingal temple complex in southern Kerala state, India.

2 An injured boy rests at the Kollam district hospital.

3 People walk past damaged buildings.

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IN BRIEF

Ukraine's embattled prime minister resigns

Ukraine's embattled prime minister announced Sunday that he is resigning, opening the way for the formation of a new government.

Arseniy Yatsenyuk's cabinet survived a no-confidence vote in February, but two parties left the governing coalition to protest the failure to oust the prime minister, who is under fire over the worsening economy and slow pace of reforms.

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CONSERVATION

Tiger population up

Conservation groups say the world's count of wild tigers has gone up for the first time in more than a century.

Experts looking at national surveys and data from the International Union for Conservation of Nature say their best estimate for the number of tigers roaming forests from Russia to Vietnam is now 3,890.

That tally announced Monday by the World Wildlife

3,890

The estimated number of tigers in the wild, up from 3,200 in 2010.

Fund and Global Tiger Forum marks a turnaround from the all-time low of about 3,200 wild tigers recorded in 2010.

The increase was due mostly to larger numbers counted in India, Russia, Bhutan and Nepal. WWF

stopped short of saying the actual number of tigers was up, noting that the higher count could be partly explained by survey methods and more areas being included. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INTERNET

Daily Mail threatens Yahoo coup

The owner of Britain's Daily Mail is in early discussions over a bid for the ailing U.S. internet company Yahoo.

The Wall Street Journal first reported Sunday that the media company is speaking with private equity firms about an offer.

A spokesman for the Daily-Mail.com said that, given the success of that site and Elite Daily, it has "been in discussions with a number of parties who are potential bidders." He

said the talks are in a very early stage and there is no certainty any transaction will take place. Yahoo did not respond to a

request for comment.

The company is under intense pressure to revive its revenue growth and activist investor Starboard Value, a big stakeholder, is pushing for a change in leadership.

Earlier this year, Yahoo cut 15 per cent of its workforce, 1,700 employees, along with branches of the company that CEO Marissa Mayer deemed unworthy of continued support.

It pulled the plug on an online video hub that had once been envisioned as Yahoo's answer to Netflix and YouTube. Starboard last month an-

nounced its intent to overthrow Mayer and the company board. It is the third attempted coup at Yahoo since 2008, all led by different shareholders frustrated with attempts to turn the company around.

Yahoo's business has declined under Mayer even as advertisers pour more money into digital marketing, with most of it flowing to rivals Google and Facebook.

Shares of Yahoo have fallen about 30 per cent since the end of 2014, increasing pressure on Mayer to take more drastic measures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 FITNESS TECH PRODUCTS TO GET YOU MOVING

Recognizing the latest innovations in sports and fitness products, the FIBO Global Fitness trade fair wrapped up this weekend in Cologne, Germany. Here are three highlights from the shortlisted 12 gadgets and products up for this year's FIBO Innovation and Trend Awards. **AFP**



1 Jabra Sport Coach wireless headphones

The Jabra Sport Coach wireless headphones take you through a workout and enable you to track and analyze your performance with their integrated Trackfit motion sensor. The headphones come with more than 40 exercises catering to levels from beginner to advanced, and will provide you with an audio coach in your ear to take you through the workout, as well as music with high-quality Dolby sound. And for those who combine their workouts with running, the Trackfit motion sensor will record your distance, pace, steps and calories so you can keep track of your progress.

The headphones can be used with many of the most popular fitness apps including Runtastic, Runkeeper, Strava and Mapmyfitness, as well as their own Jabra Sport Life app for more personalized in-ear coaching during your sweat session.



3 Gym Aesthetics High-Tech Underwear

The new Gym Aesthetics High-Tech Underwear range uses built-in sensor technology to detect and record movement from 900-plus exercises.

With tights and a T-shirt available to cover leg and torso muscles, the wearable tech will calculate and record your repetitions and muscle strain from freestyle movements and exercises on both free weights and equipment.

It can even tell you when you are performing moves incorrectly, and will provide verbal and visual feedback to your smartphone app via Bluetooth, giving you a safer and more effective way to exercise.



2 Cosinuss° one

The new ear sensor from cosinuss°, the cosinuss° One gives accurate feedback during your workout on not only your heart rate but also body temperature, an important factor to measure during athletic performance. Feedback can be sent to a smartphone or fitness tracker, and the ear sensor can also be used with its own cosinuss° One app, which can also monitor your dehydration levels so you know when to take on board more water, as well as provide an accurate reading on how many calories you have burned.

And with no need for a chest strap, the sensor gives you a much easier and more discreet way of measuring your body's overall performance throughout your workout.

TECHNICOLOR

Artificial DNA lauded as the 'future of movie archiving'

A Technicolor scientist surrounded by the latest virtual-reality technology inspects a vial containing a few droplets of water — and one million copies of a movie encoded into DNA.

The company has come a long way since the Hollywood golden age, when the world gazed in awe at the lush palette of The Wizard of Oz and Gone with the Wind provided by its three-strip cameras.

"We are bigger today in L.A. than we were 70 years ago or 50 years ago," chief Frederic Rose said at a recent ceremony where he accepted a "star of recognition" from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Rose used the occasion at Technicolor's Sunset Boulevard studios to showcase the com-



Look closer: This vial contains a few droplets of water — and one million copies of an old movie encoded onto DNA.

ROBYN BECK/AFP

pany's latest innovation — the encoding of movies into artificial, "non-biological" DNA.

Jean Bolot, vice-president for research and innovation, held up a vial barely bigger than a bullet containing a million copies of 1902 French silent film A Trip to the Moon.

"This, we believe, is what the future of movie archiving will look like," Bolot said.

Scientists have been experimenting with DNA as a potential

+ WHY DO IT?

Converting movies into man-made DNA brings huge advantages, said Bolot, who points out that the archives of every Hollywood studio, currently taking up square kilometres of floor space, could fit into a Lego brick.

What's more, the format for reading it doesn't become obsolete every decade or so, unlike celluloid, VHS or DVD.

storage medium for years, but recent advances in modern lab equipment have made projects such as Technicolor's a reality. **AFP**

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THE QUESTION
Every month I spend at least an hour complaining to my phone/cable TV/Internet provider about overcharges. How do I break this cycle without being rude?

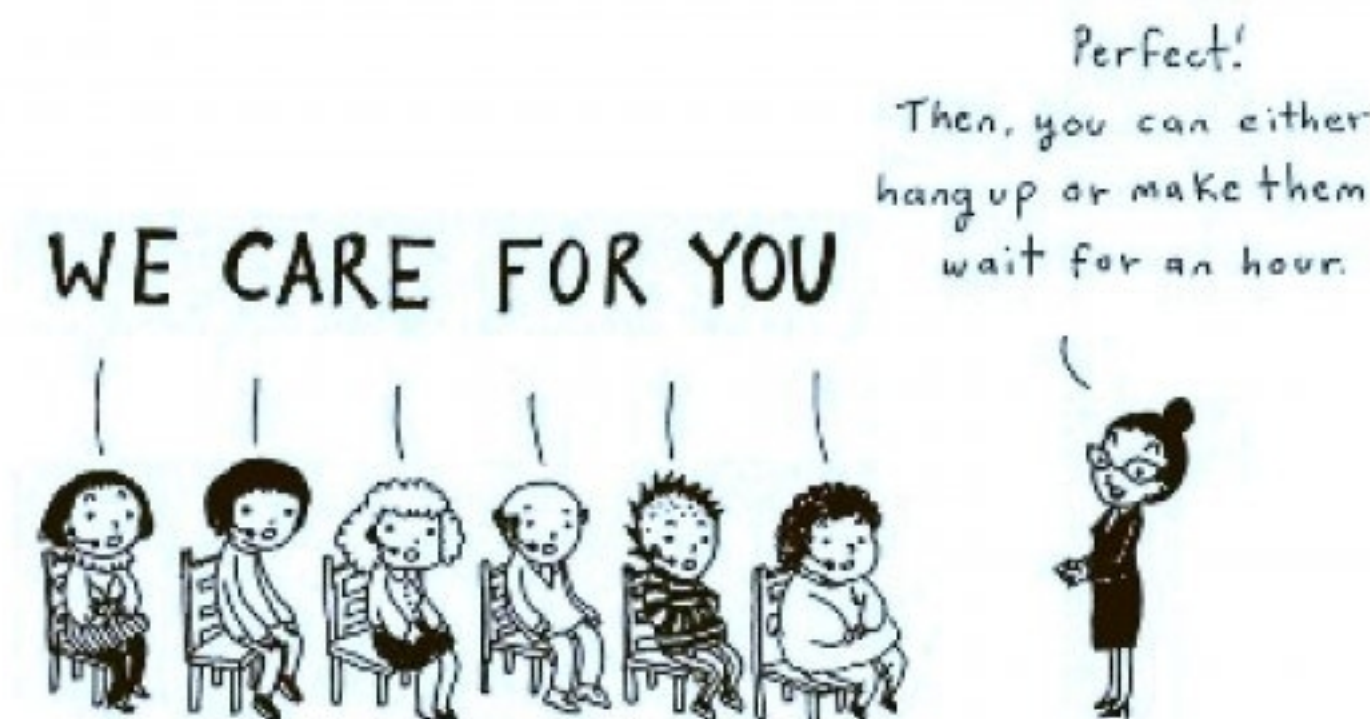
Dear Ellen,
 My phone/cable TV/Internet provider keeps overcharging. Some months the bill is \$4 higher. Other times it's \$11. Every month I spend at least an hour on the phone trying to get them to fix the mistake once and for all. They always adjust the bill, but it keeps happening. I don't want to be rude but I don't want to spend so much time on the phone every month when the mistake is not my fault.
 T.R.

Dear T.R.,

Wow. Your letter is a model of gracious restraint considering how much of your time and money is being wasted by a corporation that repeatedly makes false promises about fixing your problem but clearly doesn't care enough about your business to actually follow through.

If this company were a romantic partner, I would say: "Break up with this sleazy, lying, thieving b---d once and for all, and find yourself a decent provider!" Except then you'd have to go out and do the telecom equivalent of on-line dating, desperately seeking a new provider in the hopes they won't try to lock you down in an exclusive, long-term relationship, then immediately

I begin every call to my own provider by saying: 'Hello. I want to start by telling you that I may not be able to control my tone.'



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start breaking promises and screwing you over the second you commit.

Which they probably will, because — as much as we hate to generalize here at Urban Etiquette — the fact is that phone/cable TV/Internet providers across Canada all tend to overcharge and under deliver. The proof is in the thousands of complaints received every year by the CRTC, the government agency in charge of regulating broadcasting and telecommunications for the public good.

I'm glad to hear that you "don't want to be rude" when you make these monthly, ultimately futile phone calls, but it would be understandable if you slipped up. We can hardly expect anyone to fret about manners while getting royally shafted (especially when the shaft comes with empty, scripted apologies that waste even more time in those stupid,

endless phone calls that seem designed to wear us all down so we'll stop phoning to complain in the first place).

But in calls to customer representatives, rudeness is pointless and misplaced. The wage slave on the phone is not the one at fault, and has no real power to make the company deliver on its promises. This is why I begin every call to my own provider by saying: "Hello. I want to start by telling you that I may not be able to control my tone, because I am very angry and upset. Please understand that my anger is not directed at you, but at the evil overlords who run your terrible company."

As for your endless over-billing problem, I'm sorry I don't have a better solution for you. I do encourage you to register your complaint with the CRTC crtc.gc.ca/eng/internet/plaint.htm and the Com-

missioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services (CCTS) ccts-cprst.ca.

You might also want to check out Facebook groups hosted by both providers (Fido, Telus, Wind Mobile, etc.) as well as detractors (I Hate Bell Canada, Canadians Against Rogers, Shaw Cable Sucks, I Hate Telus, etc.). I don't recommend rude venting on any of these sites — toxic spirals on the Internet are good for no one. But responsibly describing your own ordeal and reading about those of others can be both therapeutic and constructive.

If you're in any way dissatisfied with this advice, feel free to speak to my manager in Retention. She'll probably just tell you what I told you, though.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

The first step is admitting you're a hopeless Q-Tip addict

My long-distance fiancé had just arrived for a visit, and according to him, after the usual pleasantries, the first thing I asked was, "Did you bring the Q-Tips?"

I said it conspiratorially, with a tinge of the addict's desperation. He thought it was funny, but a week later, I landed in the walk-in clinic. Actually, I would end up there three times in four days and stay home from work to deal with the excruciating pain, akin to having your inner ear stabbed repeatedly with a sharp knife.

Yes, I took two days off work because of Q-Tips.

I don't know when it started. I only know that, after a certain point, I was hooked. It felt so good. It wasn't just about cleaning. It was about scratching the itch, and feeling that oddly sensuous shiver. As any user knows, there is something deeply, inappropriately satisfying about Q-Tips.

I knew it was wrong. I'd read the warning on the package to never put a Q-Tip inside your ear — about as effective a deterrent as a "Do not eat" warning on a box of the world's tastiest ice cream. ("Use only as a body lotion.")

The walk-in doctor asked a few questions, and I had to admit my addiction. Knowing it was wrong, I had stopped a few months ago.

But it wouldn't be breaking the new rules if someone else brought the swabs, I had reasoned.

The doctor told me my ears were very, very clean, and very, very swollen. The infection could be fixed with drops, he noted.

"So just to be clear," I said, cupping my ears. "I did this to myself, with Q-Tips?"

"Yes."

Walk-in doctors are constantly fielding cotton-swab injuries, he told me. "I can't believe they're still on shelves," he said. "A colleague and I joke that we should launch a class action lawsuit."

A lawsuit! For Q-Tips! And I would play the plaintiff. Because, really — as if cotton swab companies don't know how good their insidious products feel, as they caress those sensitive, rarely touched nerve endings. Worst of it all, as my ears started to heal, that old urge came back.

But I have sworn them off. Missing work over a Q-Tip was embarrassing enough the first time, but the pain is what's keeping me away. I would wake up in the middle of the night in agony, convinced my whole face and ears were stuck inside a clamp. I actually considered going to the ER.

Because of a Q-Tip. That's a joke that's only funny the first time.

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How well have Annick and Yolanda's finances improved? At the end of our three month series, **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** looks at the financial gains both women have made and finds they've collectively increased their net worth by nearly \$9,000

Back on track after 12 weeks



LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
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THE CHALLENGE: Twelve weeks ago Annick, 24 and from Calgary, and Yolanda, 27, from Mississauga, took on the Metro Money Makeover challenge.

THIS WEEK: These two young women shattered their financial limitations and collectively raised their net worth by nearly \$9,000! More importantly, Annick and Yolanda have new and lasting financial life skills that will ensure their dreams happen soon.

THE RESULTS: Financial success comes to those who work for it and Annick and Yolanda have done just that.

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE IS A BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND FOUNDER OF MEVEST, A MONEY COACHING SERVICE FOR CANADIANS. FOLLOW HER @LESLEYSCORGIE

Annick

When Annick arrived in Calgary in 2010 from the Democratic Republic of Congo she had high expectations of a powerful Canadian education in energy management, a great job in a strong economy and dreams of home ownership by age 25.

But the cloud of student loans, high cost of living and few career prospects upon graduation due to disastrously low commodity prices crushed her finances.

Annick and I have worked almost exclusively on the reduction of her consumer debt. Our target date for her consumer debt-freedom was July 2016, but she beat that by a long shot! Just two weeks ago she triumphed over it with the help of a tax refund totaling \$2,780. Today, Annick is left with a \$58,200 student loan and a small, but growing, group RRSP through her work.

THE NEXT 12 MONTHS: Annick must be careful not to slip back into old habits of overspending and instead focus on her goals of:

- Building an emergency fund (one year)



In 12 weeks Annick has eliminated her credit card balances and loans to friends and family. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

- Earning a better income (one to two years)
- Growing a down payment (three years)

THE RESULTS: When we met in December 2015, Annick's net worth was (\$62,450). In 12 weeks, she's eliminated her credit card balances and loans to friends and family for a net worth improvement of \$5,300 to (\$57,150).

NET WORTH

Assets	
TFSA	50
RRSP	1,000
Total Assets	\$1,050
Liabilities	
Student Loan	58,200
Total Liabilities	\$58,200
Net worth	(\$57,150)

Yolanda

In my first meeting with Yolanda she demonstrated a high ability to save money. But, the reason she wasn't seeing any progress on her money was because she was using her TFSA and RRSP like a bank account; draining the balances whenever vet bills or trips came up. Yolanda's challenge came down to learning to budget for her short-term needs while continuing to save towards her long-term goal of owning a home through her TFSA and RRSP.

Because of Yolanda's insatiable desire to own a home, she made the critical decision to move back home with her mother, allowing her to save more aggressively for a down payment.

THE NEXT 12 MONTHS: Yolanda's number one financial priority is saving \$30,000 for a down payment and closing costs.

THE RESULTS: Since December 2015, Yolanda has improved her net worth by \$3,575 by setting



Yolanda has learned to budget for her short term needs. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

NET WORTH

Assets	
Savings	325
Pension	5,000
TFSA	1,300
RRSP	1,250
Total Assets	\$7,875
Liabilities	
VISA	0
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Net worth	\$7,875

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Libraries feeling eBook price pinch

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Charges top \$120 per book, per year in some cases

Local libraries are making noise about eBook prices, saying that they pay multinational publishers up to five times more than average consumers do for the same titles.

And libraries — including ones in Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax and Vancouver — say they'd like things to change, so that they can pay according to their size and needs, rather than using the current one-size-fits-all model.

That model is part of what's causing higher prices for them, said Kate Edwards, executive director of the Association of Canadian Publishers.

"They're not tailored to the Canadian market," Edwards said of the way international publishers evaluate libraries' reach and determine prices. Many publishers also charge in U.S. dollars, which adds to the cost for Canadian branches.

Last summer, four Canadian public libraries began pushing for change; since then, their group, Canadian Public Libraries for Fair Book Pricing, has grown to include 29 systems. Libraries say demand for their eBooks has grown 1,200 per cent since 2009.

In February, the group outlined its demands in an open letter to the "Big Five" publishers — Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins, Macmillan, Random House and Simon & Schuster.

They have a meeting scheduled with Simon & Schuster this month as a result, said Toronto Public Library city librarian Vickery Bowles.

Libraries say the eBook prices they face are one-and-a-half to five times what consumers pay, and have not been adjusted to take the drop in the Canadian dollar into account (apart from the recent changes by Penguin Random House). They say charges

from Canadian publishers are not a problem.

In the case of a James Patterson book, the library group said average readers pay \$14.99, while a library pays \$121 per copy. And some publishers' eBooks expire after a year, so libraries must repurchase the stock. For print books, "we'll pay \$18 to \$25," said Bowles of the Toronto library.

Why the high prices? "Publishers are concerned that borrowing an eBook is so much easier," said Bowles, adding that she understands the premium, but the

current rate isn't sustainable.

HarperCollins Canada said the prices they offer libraries are already similar to what the group is asking for — except for the expiry it's placed on eBooks after 26 consecutive lends, determined by the publisher to be the average uses a physical library book gets before breaking or becoming unpopular.

"Our model is designed to be cost-effective for libraries and based on actual usage," the publisher said in a statement. VERITY STEVENSON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

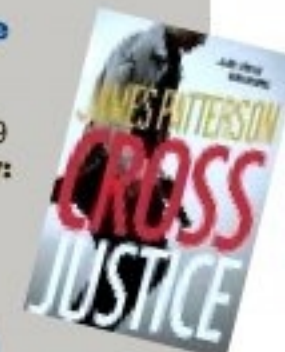


Kate Edwards, executive director of the Association of Canadian Publishers. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

OFF THE SHELF

Examples of popular eBooks — what you pay and what a library pays per lending copy.

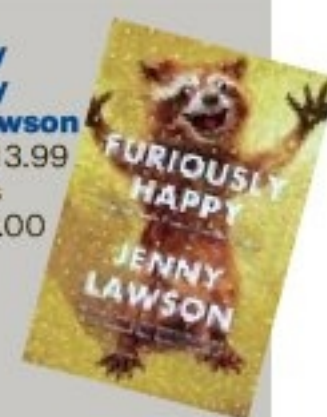
Cross Justice
by James Patterson
Retail: \$14.99
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Home
by Ellen DeGeneres
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The new cap on eBook pricing Penguin Random House adopted after libraries' campaigning.

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MONEY MATTERS

They cost more than you think: Pay off your student loans

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada



Heaps of people are under the impression that the government wants to do right by students. What they don't know, because they've taken the preceding as gospel, is they may be paying more interest than they think.

True or False?

1. The six-month, no-payment grace period when you

leave school comes interest-free.

2. The interest rate on student loans is comparable to what's available at the bank.

3. You should use the student loan default repayment schedule to pay off your student loan.

If you answered True to any of these, you're misinformed. Did you really think that after years of giving you money for free while you were in school the government wouldn't find a way to get its pound of flesh?

Here's the reality:

1. The six-month grace period comes with interest. While you don't have to make a payment, your debt continues to grow. Graduate owing \$28,000 (which is the average), and that six-month deferral will cost you up to \$1,000 in extra interest. You'll have the option of paying it in a lump sum, but most people add it to their principal and end up paying interest on interest.

2. The interest rates on student loans are higher than you

typically get at a bank. Remember all those years you were in school using the government's money and paying not one red cent in interest? Since the government is going to get its money back one way or another, student loans come with a hefty price tag once the interest-rate clock is turned on. If you choose a variable interest rate, you'll pay prime + 2.5 per cent. If you choose fixed-rate, you'll pay prime + five per cent.

3. The student-loan de-

fault repayment schedule is designed to take ten years to pay off. The default term is 114 months, and most people go with that without giving it a second thought. If you graduate with \$28,000 of debt and choose default repayment at a variable rate, you'll pay more than \$8,000 in interest. (If you chose the fixed rate, it's more than \$12,000.)

Want to pay less interest? Once you've got a steady job, consolidate your student loans with an aggressive repayment

schedule. Plan to take three to five years to pay off an undergrad degree, five to seven years for a master's and seven to 10 years for a doctorate.

On the "Repay my student loan" link at canlearn.ca, you can compare payment options to see how much interest you'll end up paying. Your goal should be to pay no more than you absolutely have to.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

YOU CAN DO THIS ANIMATOR

'For me, it's about the people'

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Hao Chen, 31, Creative Director, Vancouver, B.C.

I grew into an art family; ever since I was young, I was drawing. I went to Emily Carr here in Vancouver. I got into the animation program and did the full three years and got my BA there.

Ever since, I've worked in the industry. I started with bigger studios, working on Barbie and Max Steele, and did post-production on some Hollywood films. Then I went back to school, for entertainment design in Los Angeles, and after a year I decided it was time to start my own thing. I freelanced for a while, then my business partner and I started our company, LineTest. We focus on advertisements, TV commercials, online campaigns, digital signage and mobile apps. We're a small studio, but we work with pretty big clients.

My job is to convey clients' ideas and campaigns to the artists in our studio. I also take care of the business side of LineTest. For me, it's about the people, whether it's meeting with clients and helping them with their vision, or working with artists. I learn a lot from other people, and I get inspired by new ideas that can only be created when a collective is brought together. METRO



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THE BASICS: Animator

\$49,782

Median wage of animators, according to PayScale.com. Some even make as much as **\$78,426**, and can earn more as animation producers or creative directors.

+9.1%

The amount of growth expected in this field over the next four years

Data for this feature was provided by payscale.com, servicecanada.gc.ca, humber.ca, sheridancollege.ca, centennialcollege.ca, centennialcollege.ca, ryerson.ca and durhamcollege.ca

HOW TO START

A Bachelor of Animation or a diploma in Computer Animation is a typical starting point for a professional animator.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

Job titles and responsibilities for animators are diverse. Animators may work in feature film or television, on video games or in web design. They might become illustrators for medical textbooks or they could go on to become animation producers or creative directors in marketing firms. Depending on their strengths and interests, freelance animators often perform a mix of artistic duties.

NEXT CAREER STEP

If they haven't studied it already, animators may want to explore post-grad studies in 3D Animation, or a certificate in Digital Animation or Digital Art Production. Artists working for marketing firms may choose to explore that field to accelerate career potential. METRO

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Adopt a Block: Help Edmonton stay clean

No large urban area is capable of cleaning itself and Edmonton is no different. Street litter is everyone's problem and an eyesore for all.

To combat this the city has launched two of its many annual clean up programs. Adopt a Block, started in 2006, sees volunteers clean a designated block, park or trail for an hour each week for 20 weeks and Business Supporting Community is a mutually-beneficial link up between several non-profit groups and local businesses.

The founding partner of the 'Adopt a Block' program, Tim Hortons, is one of these businesses and the aim is to have over 100 business locations involved this year. The non-profit group cleans weekly on behalf of the business keeping its location spotless for 16 weeks. The non-profit is then paid by the business, \$40 per week for the 16-week season.

"This all contributes to keeping Edmonton clean and our litter audits have demonstrated that over the last number of years," says Don Belanger, the program manager of Capital City Clean Up. "Last year we saw a 24 per cent reduction in the amount of street litter compared



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to the previous year." This uplifting stat should spur us all on to continue making Edmonton a picture of cleanliness and the best city it can be. During the programs' off season citizens are encouraged to pick up any stray litter they may see. "This is not about one person cleaning, this is about everyone working together," concluded Belanger.

For further information or to get involved in Capital City Clean Up visit edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup.

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'Everything and more' in his rookie season

OILERS

McDavid impressive in injury-spoiled campaign

Connor McDavid did more than enough in his abbreviated rookie season to earn the respect of his teammates, who already see him as their present and future leader.

"On the ice he was everything and more," teammate and former No. 1 draft pick Taylor Hall said. "By the end of the year he was our leader on the ice. With all the expectations on him, the way he conducts himself off the ice and the kind of kid he is, he's a lot of fun to be around."

McDavid said he appreciated the praise from his roommate this winter.

"That's a real honour to hear that and have him say that. He's someone I look up to and respect so much so to have him say that means a lot to me," the 19-year-old centre said.

"I'm definitely not the loudest guy in the room but I got more comfortable as the year went on. I'm someone who tries to lead by example on the ice."



Connor McDavid speaks to reporters during the Oilers' end-of-the-year press conference on Sunday. CODIE MCLACHLAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

I'm someone who definitely doesn't handle losing very well so this season has been hard on me. Connor McDavid

The No. 1 draft pick did just that in his first season, even though he missed 37 games with injury. He finished with 16 goals, 48 points and five game-winning goals. He missed 37 of

those games after breaking his clavicle on Nov. 3, an injury he said helped him in his adjustment to the NHL.

McDavid used his speed and talent to create enough chances

to average more than a point a game on a team that finished with just 31 wins and 70 points.

"It's a funny game," said the six-foot-one, 190-pound centre. "Some games you play great and get no points and some you don't have it and get two or three points. It's tough to get points, but for whatever reason I felt fairly comfortable right away." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Disappointment over another losing year

After six seasons in the NHL without even a taste of the playoffs, Edmonton Oilers forward Taylor Hall can't see getting there without significant changes to the roster.

"The stink is still there," Hall said Sunday as the Oilers cleaned out their stalls after yet another losing season. "I'm very

disappointed. Right now it's hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel, I'm not going to lie."

The stink has permeated Rexall Place since 2006 when the Oilers last made the playoffs, thanks largely to the performance of defenceman Chris Pronger who left the team after getting them to Game 7 of the

Stanley Cup final.

Their NHL record 10th straight season out of the playoffs ended Saturday evening as it began back in October, with a loss. They finished the season 31-43-8 for 70 points and 29th place in the 30-team league.

General manager Peter Chiarelli said he wasn't com-

pletely surprised by the team's lack of winning in its first season under himself and coach Todd McLellan.

"I went into this with open eyes," he said. "I knew there would be heavy lifting, but frankly I thought we would be at 80 points, that was my goal."

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MASTERS

Willett rises as Spieth collapses

Danny Willett in a green jacket was hard to believe considering he wasn't even sure he could play the Masters two weeks ago.

Jordan Spieth was even more stunned.

Nine holes away from history, the defending Masters champion threw it all away in a collapse around Amen Corner that was shocking even by Augusta National standards. He played the opening three holes of the back nine in 6 over par, including a quadruple bogey at the 12th.

Willett, five shots behind with six holes left to play, birdied three of his last six holes to polish off a round that might not get its due because of Spieth's meltdown. He closed with a 5-under 67, with no bogeys on his card.

The 28-year-old wasn't even planning to play. His wife was due with their first child on this



Jordan Spieth, left, presents Danny Willett with the green jacket on Sunday. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

very day. Their son, Zachariah James, was born on March 30, clearing Willett to a most unlikely path to becoming a major champion.

Spieth closed with a 73 and tied for second with Lee Westwood (69). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Warriors tie record of 72 wins in a season

Stephen Curry had 37 points and the Golden State Warriors beat the San Antonio Spurs 92-86 Sunday night for their 72nd victory this season, tying the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls for the single-season record.

The Warriors finish their regular season at home against the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police say road rage behind former Saints player's death

Former Saints player Will Smith was shot and killed in what appeared to be a road rage incident, New Orleans police said Sunday.

Investigators don't have any evidence so far that the shooting was "anything other than this accident ... that turned violent," Police Supt. Michael Harrison said Sunday afternoon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada wins men's world curling championship

Kevin Koe led Canada to its first men's world curling championship in four years with a 5-3 victory over Denmark on Sunday.

With the score 3-3 in the ninth end, the Calgary rink scored a decisive two points when Danish skip Rasmus Stjerne barely missed on a double-runback raise attempt, giving Koe an open draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 8 asparagus spears, trimmed and chopped
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- salt and pepper

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

2. Pour your olive oil in a small, oven-proof skillet and bring up to medium heat. Add the asparagus pieces and sauté until they just begin to soften, about 3 to 5 minutes. Spread the vegetables evenly across the pan.

3. Crack the eggs over the asparagus. Carefully place the skillet into the oven. Bake for 5 minutes.

4. Using an oven mitt, slide the pan out of the oven. Sprinkle the Parmesan cheese across the top of the whole pan and gently place back in the oven. Bake for another 5 minutes, or until the eggs are cooked to your liking.

4. Serve with buttered toast.

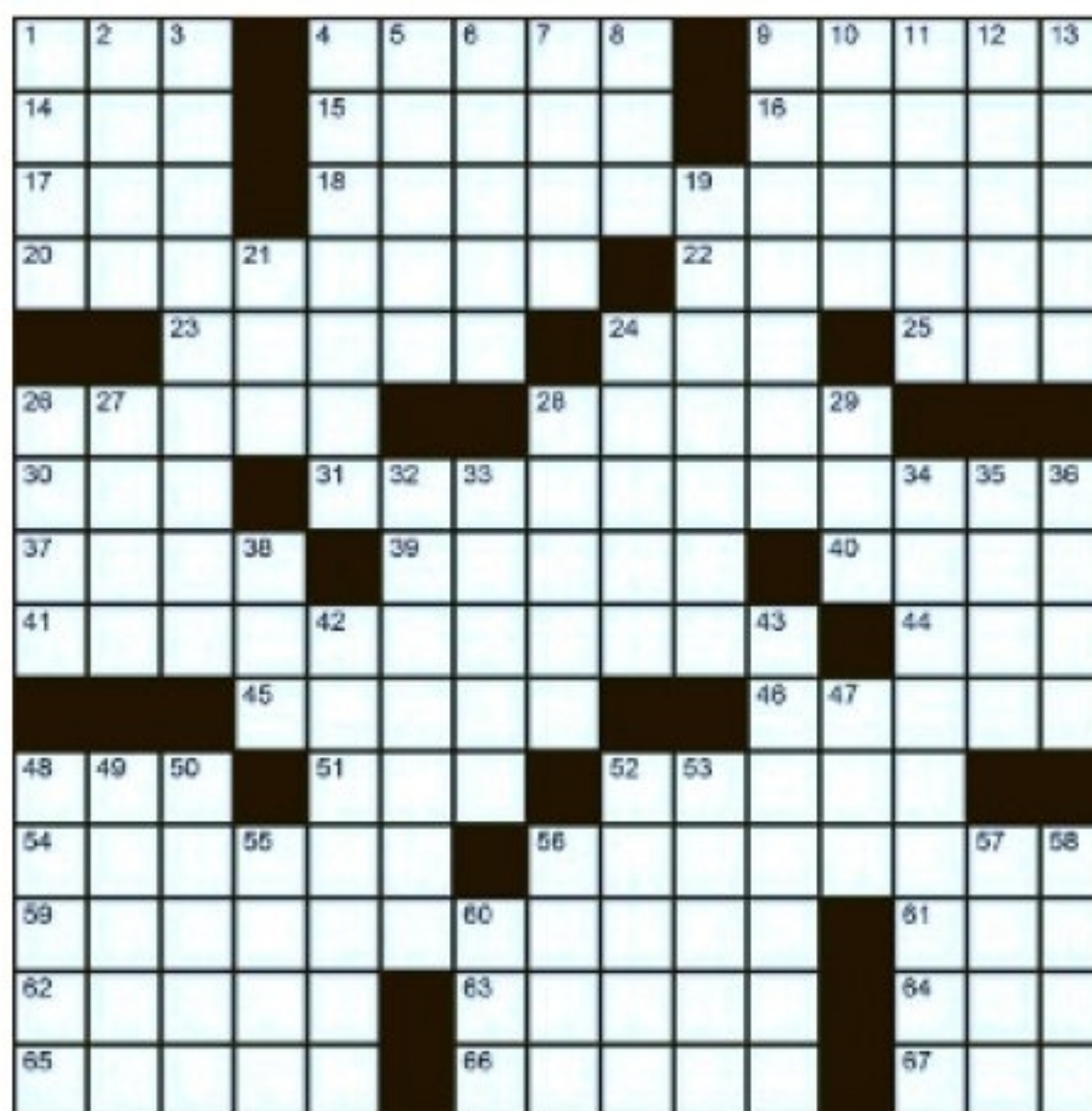
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1. Razors brand
4. University __ Brunswick
9. Athlete's contraction
14. Soul part, in ancient Egyptian mythology
15. Adam van __, Flemish painter
16. Patchy-coated horse
17. __ culpa!
18. Radio __
20. __ and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age (Current exhibit at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto)
22. Unspecified individual
23. English diarist, Samuel __ (b.1633 - d.1703)
24. Couplet
25. Telephone bk. listings
26. "Look __ Did!" (Check out my accomplishment!)
28. Feudal workers
30. Cleaning item
31. Toronto subway station: 2 wds.
37. Uncle's wife
39. What one can do with #1-Across
40. Prefix meaning 'thought'
41. Glacial epoch for the creatures at #20-Across
44. __-dee... (Funny!)
45. Spring flower
46. Petrograd prohibitions
48. Little devil
51. You __ by Lionel Richie



52. Storms
54. Certain cold cut
56. Minus
59. Maritimes History: Its colours are blue, white and red ...and there's a gold star in the upper left corner: 2 wds.
61. Verify
62. Walking sticks

63. Scottish hymn: __ That Wilt Not Let Me Go
64. Time-saver's abbr.
65. Chirp
66. Sharp __ (Like a knife)
67. Musical note before lah

DOWN

1. The Rubbles' baby, when doubled
2. Swedish furniture store
3. Region/drink in France
4. Not deviating from the subject matter: 2 wds.

5. Sixty minus twenty's answer
6. Ark builder's namesakes
7. Coastal birds
8. Scale amts.
9. Laverne & Shirley ...to Happy Days
10. Sympathy
11. Playwright Mr. Chekhov
12. Shorthand [abbr.]
13. Traditions
19. Ms. McTeer (Wife of 16th Prime Minister Joe Clark)
21. The __ (NYC opera attraction)
24. Inquire
26. Shawl
27. Transport via truck
28. Birth name of singer Fergie, __ Ann Ferguson
29. __ Lanka
32. The Waldorf= __ (Landmark hotel in New York)
33. Beamed
34. Glues and tapes
35. Tidy
36. Michael __ (Fashion designer)
38. Journalist's story origin
42. Nautical vision blurrer: 2 wds.
43. Set to be married
47. Nevertheless
48. "All I gotta do __ naturally...": Country tune bit
49. Beautiful bird
50. Carpentry tool
52. Record anew, as on a ship
53. Succulent plant
55. "Chick" suffix
56. St. John's locale [abbr.]
57. Disallow
58. Inscribe
60. San Francisco's __ Valley

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are creative and artistic. (Aries is the sign of the artisan in the zodiac, which is why you can do anything with your hands.) Today you are full of amazing, original ideas!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something having to do with your finances or your possessions is a bit unreliable today. Double-check all transactions. Postpone important purchases until tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today the moon is in your sign; however, its influence is unpredictable. Therefore, keep a low profile and don't get excited about things. Tomorrow is a stronger day.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might kid yourself about knowing what you are doing today, when in fact you really don't. Therefore, postpone important decisions until tomorrow. If you must act, do it in the morning.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a great day to schmooze with others! Spontaneous social situations will arise suddenly. Someone you least expect might want to see you. (It's an interesting day).

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Relations with authority figures are unpredictable today. Whatever happens, you will want to be free of what they dictate. You don't want anyone telling you what to do today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Travel plans will be interrupted or cancelled today. Alternatively, unexpected travel plans might arise. That's because today is a bit of a crashpoot.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If dealing with financial matters, especially with shared property, inheritances and such, make sure you have your facts right. Something unexpected could torpedo something.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be prepared to accommodate others today, because the moon is opposite your sign. Furthermore, it is dancing with Uranus, which means people are unpredictable. Keep your eyes open!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Allow yourself extra time at work today so that you have wiggle room to cope with something unexpected. Today will be full of short-ages, delays and goofy mistakes.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Meanwhile, planned social events might change, while unexpected social events might occur.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down, or something unexpected will occur. Just be aware of this so that you are prepared.

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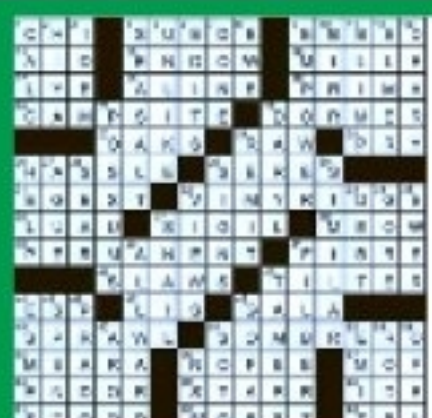
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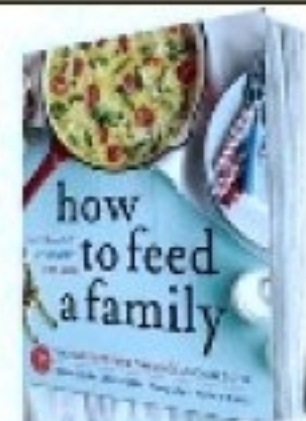
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